

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King announced that a federal appropriation for the Hungry Canyons Alliance was included in H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. A final House-Senate Conference Report passed the House and Senate earlier this month. The bill must now be signed into law by the President.

King worked with Iowa Senators Chuck Grassley and Tom Harkin to secure \$282,000 to continue the Hungry Canyons Alliance's work to research and implement solutions to the problems associated with stream channel erosion in rural Iowa. Channel erosion has cost Iowa an estimated \$1 billion in damage to infrastructure and farmland.

**“There will be dire consequences for Iowa and the world Iowa feeds if this erosion is not prevented,”** said King. **“Securing this funding now saves Iowans from expensive and potentially dangerous future problems.”**

In requesting funding for this project, Congressman King complied with all earmark transparency standards, including a Congressional Record submission that includes the name of the request and a description of how the funds will be spent. The original House version of H.R. 2997, that passed the House on July 9, 2009, included \$282,000 for this project. The Senate version of this bill contained the same amount of funding for this project, and that amount was maintained when delegates from the House and Senate went to conference to work out a final version of the bill.

H.R. 3183 originally passed the House on July 9, and Congressman King opposed the legislation due to its total cost. Without justification, the bill increased funding by 11.9%, despite the \$6.1 billion the agencies funded by this bill already received this year through the stimulus bill.